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## Merry Christmas Colorado

December 22, 1992

Passage of Amendment 2 has brought the shame of the world on Colorado, making our state an embarrassment to the nation, all thanks to militant fundamentalists who engaged themselves in the dirtiest political campaign in modern American history. The cities of New York, Chicago, Los Angeles, Atlanta, Austin, Seattle, Boston and others have condemned Amendment 2. This morning the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, The National Organization for Women, the A.C.L.U., all well-known organizations formerly endorsed a boycott of this state.

You can thank Colorado For Family Values for the nationwide boycott, which we couldn't stop even if we wanted to.

You can thank Colorado For Family Values for lost revenues from tourism, from movie productions which won't take place here, for jobs lost because companies won't locate here. Colorado For Family Values deserves all the credit.

We do not believe that 53% of the voters in Colorado hate gay men and lesbians. Most of the good people who voted yes on Amendment 2 were sucked in by CFV's campaign to push Amendment 2, a campaign which was one of the most shameful acts of manipulation ever conceived.

Hate crimes against gays and lesbians are increasing in Colorado at alarming rates. Does CFV take any blame for this? Of course not! Will Perkins and Kevin Tebedo deny any hatred as a motive in promoting Amendment 2. They must be blind or terribly forgetful to overlook the blatantly hate-provoking tabloid newspaper CFV distributed door-to-door. It was packed with lies designed to make gay men and lesbians look like monsters, like something less than human and creatures to be hated and despised. Supermarket checkstand tabloids pale in comparison to the garbage CFV published.

Ironie as it may be, we must *straighten* out the militant fundamentalists. It was not gays and lesbians who launched a hate attack. Credit for the hatred which resulted in passage of Amendment 2 and the subsequent judgment by the rest of the world goes *straight* to the backers of Colorado For Family Values.

There is some hope for those who lose their jobs as a result of Amendment 2. Former U.S. Senator Bill Armstrong, who gave thousands of dollars to support Amendment 2, recruits, hires, trains and promotes individuals without regard to sexual orientation at Cherry Creek Mortgage where he is Chairman of the Board. Read about it in the company's employment application. How thoughtful of you Bill, to be ready to hire gay men and lesbians who get fired because of Amendment 2.

And we have something to share with our fellow Coloradans.

Coloradans have always been proud of our mountains. We place pictures of them on our cars. The little Christmas present we display today, the word BOYCOTT plastered across a mock license plate, is symbolic of the rape of our state's constitution by Colorado For Family Values. You can thank Colorado For Family Values for bringing us here today. And every time a boycott news release gets fax'd out to 132 news outlets around the world, this little symbol of shame will be right at the top of every page, thanks to Colorado For Family Values.

Merry Christmas, Colorado. Over the next few days, those who backed Amendment 2 will no doubt go about exchanging gifts, singing carols and bowing their heads to ask for blessings at their dining tables. That all seems horribly hypocritical considering the crime they have committed against humanity. One thing for certain. The boycott of Colorado will force voters throughout the state to look each other in the eye and ask the question "what on Earth have we done?"



REPORT OF THE COMMISSIONER

The following is a summary of the report of the Commissioner of the Department of the Interior, for the year ending June 30, 1901. The report covers the work of the Department in the various branches of its administration, and the progress made in the execution of the various acts of Congress relating to the public lands, the Indian affairs, and the general management of the Department. The report is divided into three main parts: the first part contains a general statement of the work of the Department; the second part contains a detailed statement of the work of the various branches of the Department; and the third part contains a statement of the financial condition of the Department.

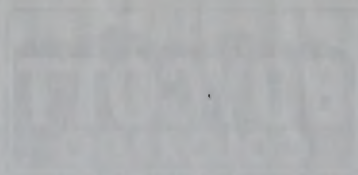
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## **NEWS RELEASE**

**COLORADO BOYCOTT CALL ON UNTIL CIVIL RIGHTS GRANTED  
AMENDMENT 2 AND RELIGIOUS RIGHT STILL A THREAT**

For immediate release  
19 July 1993

(Denver) - Today, the State Supreme Court of Colorado upheld a temporary injunction on Amendment 2, a law passed by voters last November that legalizes discrimination against gays, lesbians & bisexuals. Despite this temporary legal victory, Amendment 2 remains a grave threat to the lives and livelihood of gays & lesbians in Colorado and across the country.

Colorado's Amendment 2 marks the first time in recent history that civil rights protection have been prevented by a ballot initiative. This national movement, promoted by the religious-right, that targets gays & lesbians in Colorado and denies basic civil rights, is spreading to other states.

Because of Amendment 2's spread, and proponents pledge to defend its constitutionality and try new strategies that prevent gay & lesbian civil rights, the national call to protest this ballot-initiative attack will remain in effect until civil rights protection is granted to all in Colorado, including gays, lesbians & bisexuals. According to Boycott Colorado Inc.'s director, Terry Schleder, "Colorado gays & lesbians are sitting ducks until Amendment 2 is repealed and genuine civil rights are granted."

Boycott organizers across the country are pleased by the effects of this pressure in educating voters and officials, in Colorado and nationwide, of the danger and expense of the religious-right and Amendment 2.

Organizers call for boycott pressure to intensify. Says Schleder, "This national boycott is the best way to create change. The nation must continue to help stop this anti-gay & lesbian movement in Colorado, and focus on Colorado's real problem: the religious-right. What Colorado's voters have done cannot be undone by a Court."

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## ***NEWS RELEASE***

WORLD YOUTH DAY PROTESTORS HONOR AMENDMENT 2 BOYCOTT

9 August 1993

for immediate release

(Denver) - Protestors of the Catholic Church's anti-abortion, anti-woman and anti-gay & lesbian policies will come to Denver the week of August 9 - 13 to make their voices heard by the pope. Many out-of-state activists will be creatively honoring the Colorado boycott called by national civil rights groups and gay & lesbian rights activists because of Amendment 2.

The San Francisco Area Pro-Choice Coalition and San Francisco NOW will be renting a motor-home, and activists will be driving to Colorado in an automobile caravan to avoid contributing to the tax-base of Colorado, the first state to legalize discrimination against gays, lesbians, & bisexuals. According to Tricia Stapleton, President of San Francisco NOW, "We will be bringing food, water and supplies with us to Colorado to support Colorado's gay & lesbian community and the national boycott and still protest the Church's anti-abortion and anti-gay & lesbian teachings. It is important to spend no money in Colorado at this time, but to show coalition support for the fight against Amendment 2 and the Church's homophobia and sexism."

Boycott Colorado applauds this strategy of fighting the religious-right. According to Boycott Colorado's director Terry Schleder, "The most powerful icon of homophobia and sexism, the pope, is appropriately visiting 'The Hate State.' It is critical that pro-choice groups and gay & lesbian rights groups work together for equal rights, especially in Colorado where Amendment 2 happened first. By creatively supporting the national boycott AND protesting the pope in Denver, these activists are fighting for the rights of gays & lesbians in Colorado while working for equality for women everywhere."

Many of Colorado's gay men & lesbians will be assisting in abortion clinic defense on Friday morning, August 13, at 1340 Leyden in Denver. They will be joined at that location by the San Francisco caravan of pro-choice and gay & lesbian rights activists, including NOW and Lesbian Avengers.

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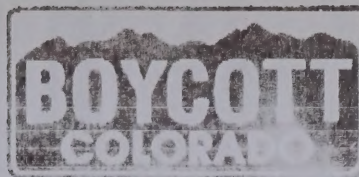
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## NEWS RELEASE

THE POPE AND AMENDMENT 2 ARE KILLING GAY & LESBIAN YOUTH  
Boycott Colorado Asks President Clinton To Address Dangers of  
Amendment 2

Intent of World Youth Day Organizers Questioned  
PROTESTS CALLED BY GAY/LESBIAN RIGHTS SUPPORTERS

9 August 93

for immediate release

(Denver) -- The "Mile High Holy State" will appropriately host a visit from the most powerful international symbol of homophobia and sexism, the Pope, on August 12 for World Youth Day. At the same time, President Bill Clinton will fly to Denver to greet the Pope.

Colorado's Amendment 2 legalized discrimination against gays, lesbians & bisexuals last November. Since then, violent crimes against gays & lesbians are up 200%. Gay & lesbian youth attempt/commit suicide 2-5 times more often than their straight counterparts. Not surprisingly, Colorado has one of the highest teen suicide rates in North America.

Boycott Colorado calls on Colorado gays, lesbians & bisexuals and their civil rights supporters to protest the Pope and the homophobic teachings of the Catholic Church. Organizers of World Youth Day (WYD) claim to support "peace", but have chosen Colorado as a location to spread this message. In light of post-Amendment 2 statistics, Colorado is not a "peaceful" place for gay & lesbian youth.

According to Cheryl Schwartz, Director of Youth Services for the Gay & Lesbian Community Center of Colorado (GLCCC), "Colorado's teen suicide rate is up 80% from last year. Gay & lesbian youth are feeling more isolated and fearful in Colorado since Amendment 2 passed. The Church's anti-gay teachings endorse self-hatred in Catholic gay & lesbian youth, making them feel 'bad' or 'wrong'. That is very dangerous."

Boycott Colorado's director, Terry Schleder, says, "It is hypocritical for WYD to bring these kids, some of them gay & lesbian, to a state that endorses discrimination and violence against them. By choosing to meet the Pope while ignoring Colorado's gay & lesbian community, President Clinton is endorsing homophobia and paying lip-service to our needs."

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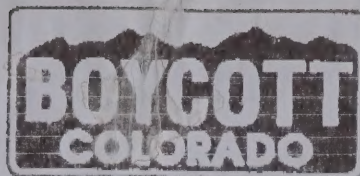
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## **NEWS RELEASE**

**COLORADO ATTY. GENERAL CALLS EXTREME HOMOPHOBIC "EXPERT WITNESS"  
AMENDMENT 2 PROponents THREATEN PUBLIC EDUCATION  
Boycott Colorado Intensifies Boycott over Amendment 2**

2 September 93

for immediate release

(Denver) - Boycott Colorado today condemned Atty. General Gale Norton's plan to call Paul Cameron as an expert witness for Colorado in defense of Amendment 2 and pointed to Norton's plan as a reason for strengthening the boycott of Colorado.

"Paul Cameron has called for the mass extermination of homosexuals as a 'final solution' and Gale Norton is endorsing Cameron's position by calling him as an expert witness," said Terry Schleder, president of Denver-based Boycott Colorado, Inc.

Norton has gone much farther than even Colorado for Family Values in endorsing hatred of gays and lesbians by spending taxpayer money to promote Cameron's violent lies as truth."

"Gale Norton has made our job much easier. Any convention or business which is considering coming to Colorado needs only to be shown the official court position of the state. Their endorsement of Paul Cameron will make any mainstream organization or business run in horror," said Schleder.

In other Amendment 2-related news, a First-Amendment watchdog organization, People for the American Way, released a study linking Colorado religious right-wing groups to censorship in Colorado public schools. According to the group, complaints and removal of books and academic materials are at record-high levels in the immediate post-Amendment 2 school year. The study cited many cases in Colorado Springs, including a complaint by Colorado for Family Values over a book containing a positive portrayal of gay people.

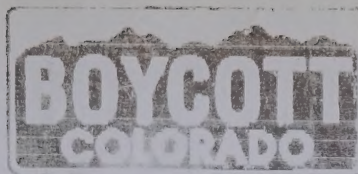
BCI has been pressured by Colorado tourism & governmental figures, and even some gay & lesbian leaders, to call-off the boycott since Amendment 2 seems near-dead in the city & state courts. BCI points to the above information as evidence that basic human rights of gays & lesbians in Colorado are in constant jeopardy. According to Schleder, "Anyone with a brain can see that Colorado's gay & lesbian community is still under attack, not only by fringe groups like CFV, but by our own Attorney General. Calling off the boycott now, before civil rights are granted to all, would be like digging our own grave."

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### Also, Special Boycott Target Named

February 4, 1993

(DENVER) -- The following information is provided in response to worldwide requests for identification of Colorado companies to be boycotted in "Counties which voted "YES ON AMENDMENT 2," the "HATE COUNTIES." Please note that a special boycott target has been named even though it is situated in a county which voted against the anti-gay law.

**LARIMER COUNTY** (54% Yes vote on Amendment 2) -- Largest city Fort Collins did not do enough to carry the rest of the county which voted overall in favor of the hate law. Numerous nationally known companies are located here. Teledyne is a company in Larimer County which produces shower massage and dental care products (famous Water Pik). **BOYCOTT COLORADO, INC.** encourages a worldwide boycott of any product bearing this company's name because it is located in a "hate county." Other Larimer County businesses may be named in the future.

**DELAWARE COUNTY** (59% Yes vote on Amendment 2) -- The Skyland Food Corp. is located here. They produce and distribute Skyland Apple Juices, Apple Sauce and various pie fillings. If shoppers see Skyland products on grocer's shelves, the store should be asked to stop carrying the products. Voters of Delaware County approved the first-ever constitutional amendment making discrimination legal. Shoppers should not buy any Skyland products.

**EL PASO COUNTY** (66% Yes vote on Amendment 2) -- Hotbed of Hate in the U.S.A.! Voters here started Amendment 2 and made Colorado the armpit of civil rights. The Colorado Springs Gazette-Telegraph is a daily newspaper here (the only one in town) which has a record of consistently gay-bashing in its editorials and running utterly distasteful anti-gay cartoons based purely in ignorance and obviously designed to generate hatred towards gays. The newspaper, dubbed the "TOKYO ROSE OF COLORADO SPRINGS" is owned by Freedom Newspapers, Inc. of Irvine, California. That parent company in turn owns newspapers and television stations in California, Texas, Massachusetts and North Carolina. **BOYCOTT COLORADO, INC.** calls for a total boycott by advertisers in ALL newspapers owned by this chain and on it's TV stations. Their editorial policies and reporting have done much to cause the climate of bigotry and hatred in Colorado. National advertising agencies should pull all advertising with the group and cease to support them.

### "SPECIAL BOYCOTT TARGET"

**KOA RADIO** (AM 850) of Denver has earned itself the distinction of being the broadcast equivalent of the Colorado Springs Gazette-Telegraph. In this case, the TOKYO ROSE OF DENVER! Air personalities Mike Rosen and Steve Kelly have consistently taken anti-gay and lesbian stances and continue to this day to use the power of their position to generate negative attitudes towards gays and lesbians. They also supported passage of Amendment 2 and defend it's victory at the polls. Due to the station's irresponsible attitude of condoning bigotry which incites hatred and promotes hostility towards the gay and lesbian population of Colorado, **BOYCOTT COLORADO, INC.** calls for an advertising boycott of this station. National advertising agencies should not place any buys with KOA. As recently as February 4, 1993, Steve Kelly was making jokes about Marine Corps recruiting commercials saying "The White House says we are now looking for a few good gays." Mr. Kelly obviously has no respect for the large numbers of gay men and lesbians who have served and are now serving honorably in the U.S. Armed Forces, including the Marine Corps.







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## **NEWS RELEASE**

BOYCOTT COLORADO TO ANNOUNCE NATIONAL & COLORADO  
PLAN OF ACTION FOR GAY & LESBIAN CIVIL RIGHTS  
UPON BAYLESS' AMENDMENT 2 RULING

for immediate release

1 November 93

(Denver) - Boycott Colorado organizers in Colorado and New York are currently deliberating the best ways to stop the spread of legalized discrimination against lesbians, gay men & bisexuals, and to encourage pro-active Federal and Colorado civil rights protections for this group.

"With a pricetag of over \$20 million, Amendment 2-style initiatives remain a threat to the economic health of thirteen states undergoing similar ballot drives", says Terry Schleder, a leader of the Colorado boycott.

"Not only are states at economic risk, but lesbians and gay men are more vulnerable than ever without civil rights protections in this hostile national political climate," adds Schleder.

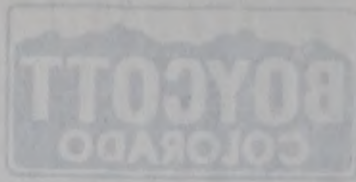
Leaders of the Colorado boycott are preparing for a ruling from Denver District Judge Jeffrey Bayless on Amendment 2's constitutionality, and are expecting political maneuvering by defendants of "The Hate State" in defense of this law.

The press should expect an official announcement from Boycott Colorado leaders upon the court's decision. As always, media inquiries are encouraged in preparation.

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## NEWS RELEASE

BOYCOTT COLORADO TO ANNOUNCE NATIONAL & COLORADO  
PLAN OF ACTION FOR MAY 4th LEGISLATIVE CIVIL RIGHTS  
ACTION DAY, NOVEMBER 2, 1992

1 November 92

For immediate release

(Denver) - Boycott Colorado, a national and state-wide organization dedicated to stopping the spread of hate and discrimination, today announced its plan of action for May 4th Legislative Civil Rights Action Day, November 2, 1992. The plan calls for a nationwide boycott of businesses and organizations that support or are affiliated with the Colorado Department of Corrections.

With a national office in Denver and over 100 chapters in 15 states, Boycott Colorado is a grassroots organization dedicated to stopping the spread of hate and discrimination. The organization's primary focus is on the Colorado Department of Corrections, which has a long history of mistreatment and discrimination against inmates and staff.

Not only the state of Colorado, but also the federal government, have been criticized for their support of the Colorado Department of Corrections. The organization's plan of action calls for a nationwide boycott of businesses and organizations that support or are affiliated with the Colorado Department of Corrections.

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The press release was distributed to all media outlets and is available on the Boycott Colorado website. The organization is currently accepting donations for its May 4th Legislative Civil Rights Action Day event.

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